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ONCE UPON A TIME...

THERE WAS A SPIDER AND A PRINCE.

THE SPIDER WATCHED CURIOUSLY AS THE WAYWARD
PRINCE WALKED FARTHER AND FARTHER AWAY FROM
HIS FATHER'S EMPIRE.

THE SPIDER ASKED THE STOIC PRINCE:
"BUT WHY DO YOU HATE YOUR FATHER
SO MUCH AS TO ABANDON HIS LOVE,
HIS WEALTH, AND HIS KINGDOM? HOW
DOES A PRINCE LEARN TO HATE HIS
OWN FATHER SO?"

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I am telling you that only a small mobilized army could defeat him in hand-to-hand combat.

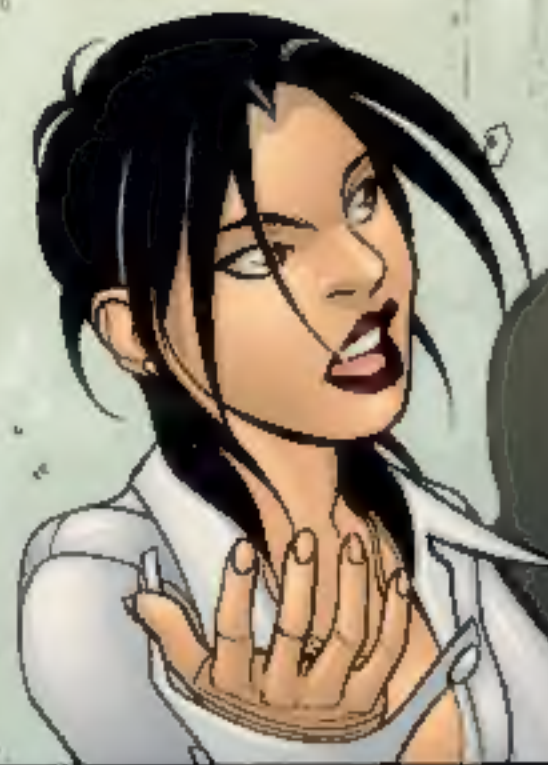
This is not a challenge. It is fact.

I know that you will take it as a challenge, as so many before you have, so I come to you with this advice.

I suggest that if you accept my offer-- pull no punches.

Do not come at this man one at a time. Only in numbers.

Don't be witty, don't be fancy. Just overpower him as quickly as you can.



Why, you ask, if what I say of this man is true-- if this man is who I say he is-- why is he sweeping the floor of a fish store?

He is a spoiled, little brat that ran away from home-- from the homeland.

His father is a rich and powerful man.

Of course I know that before this day is out one of you will figure out who I am talking about--

--that is of your discretion.



Shang-Chi's father wants his estranged son back. He wants him back alive. Alive, but broken.

You men are perfect for the job.

In return for your efforts, his father will grant you full ownership of his East Coast gateway.

Exclusive trading... in specialty items. (if you understand me.)

It is plain to see that your organization is overdue for a bump up in rank.



You men will have proved your worth.

The public defeat of Shang-Chi and the availability of this product will bring you levels of profit you have only dreamed of before.

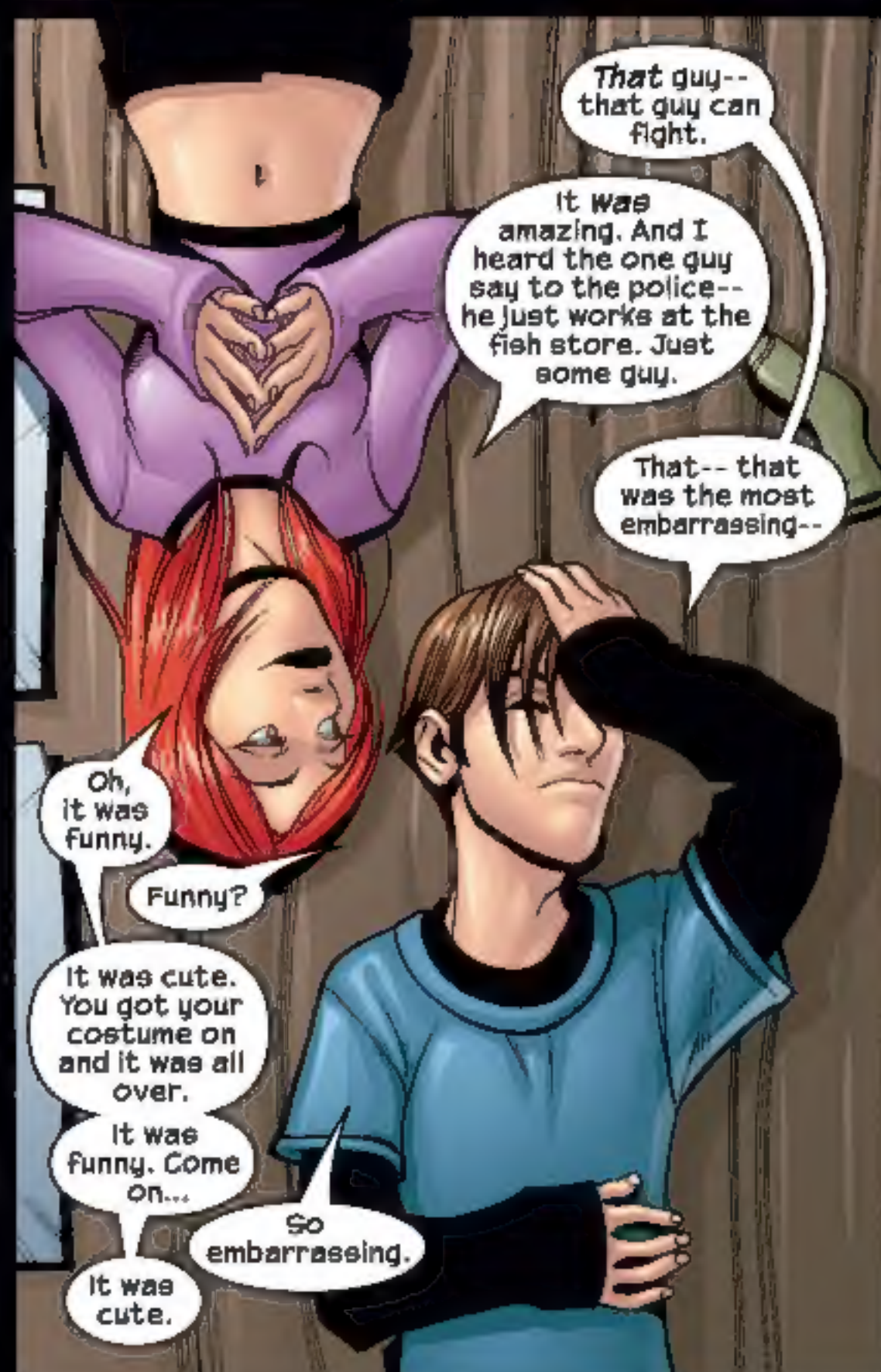
I am coming to you first, because after yesterday's fiasco, it is my belief that your hearts will be in it.






So...

...what
do you
say?





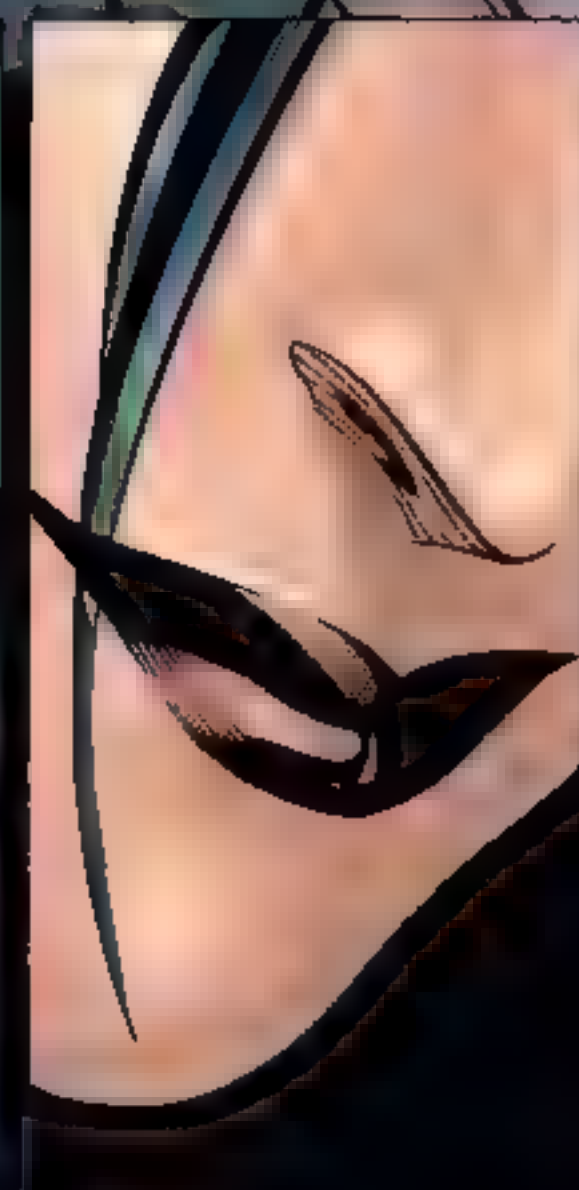
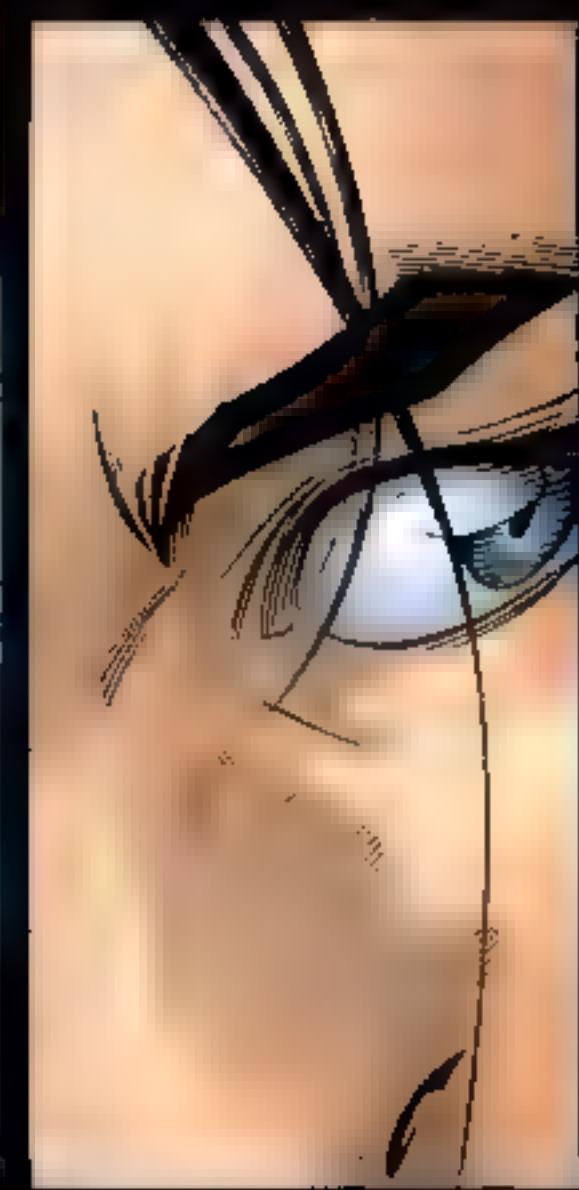
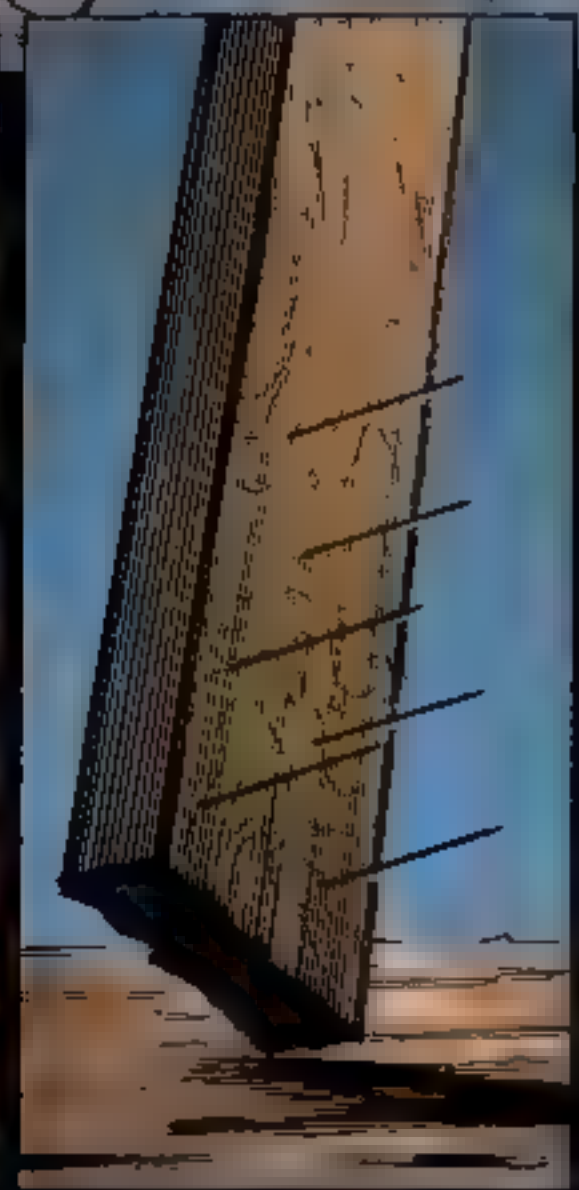
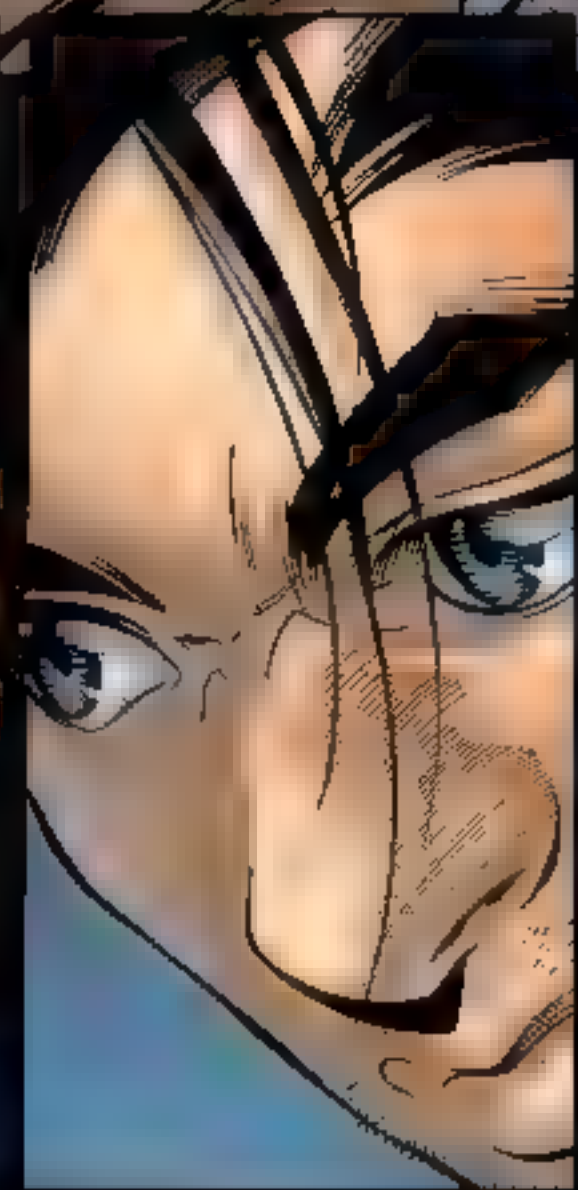
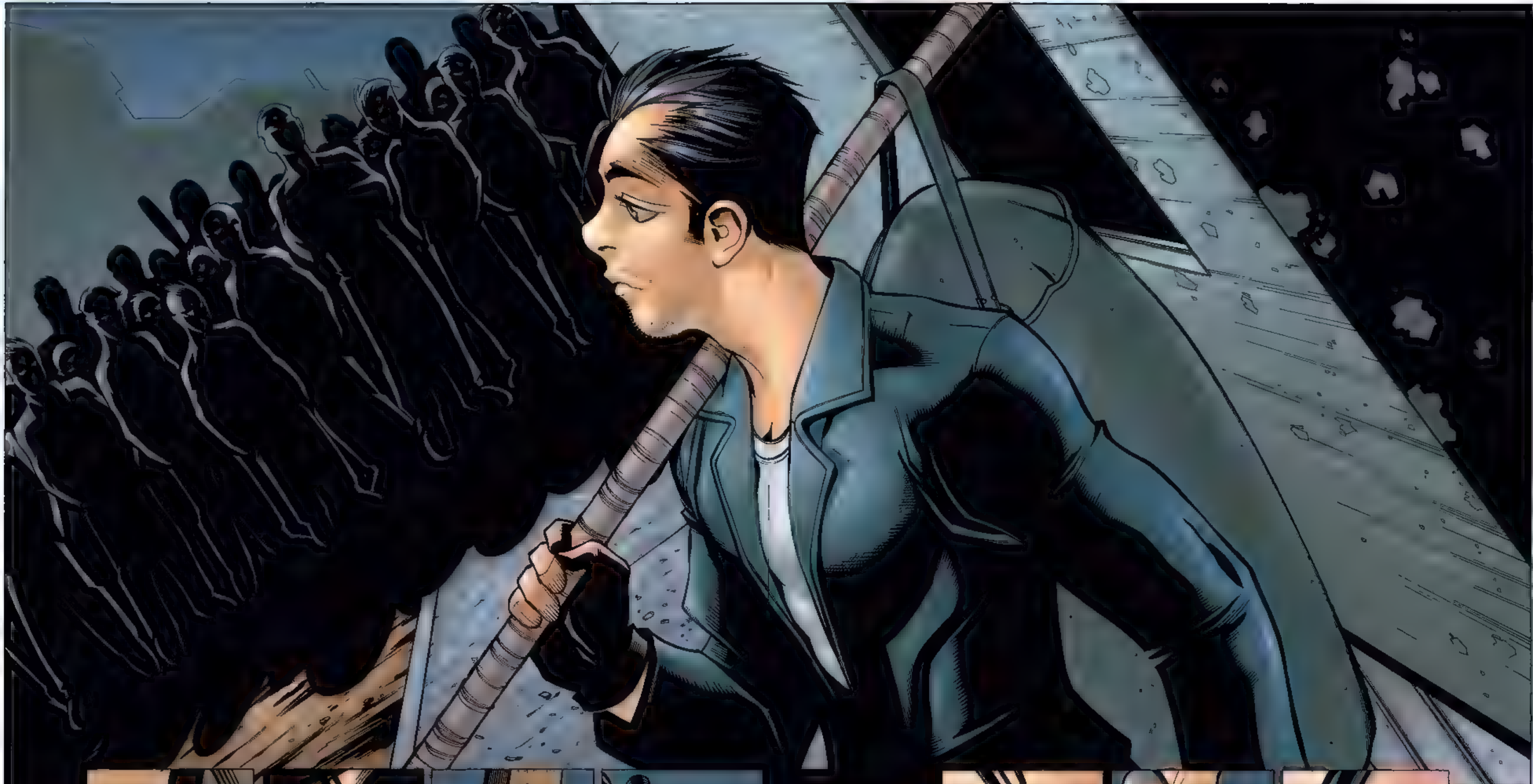


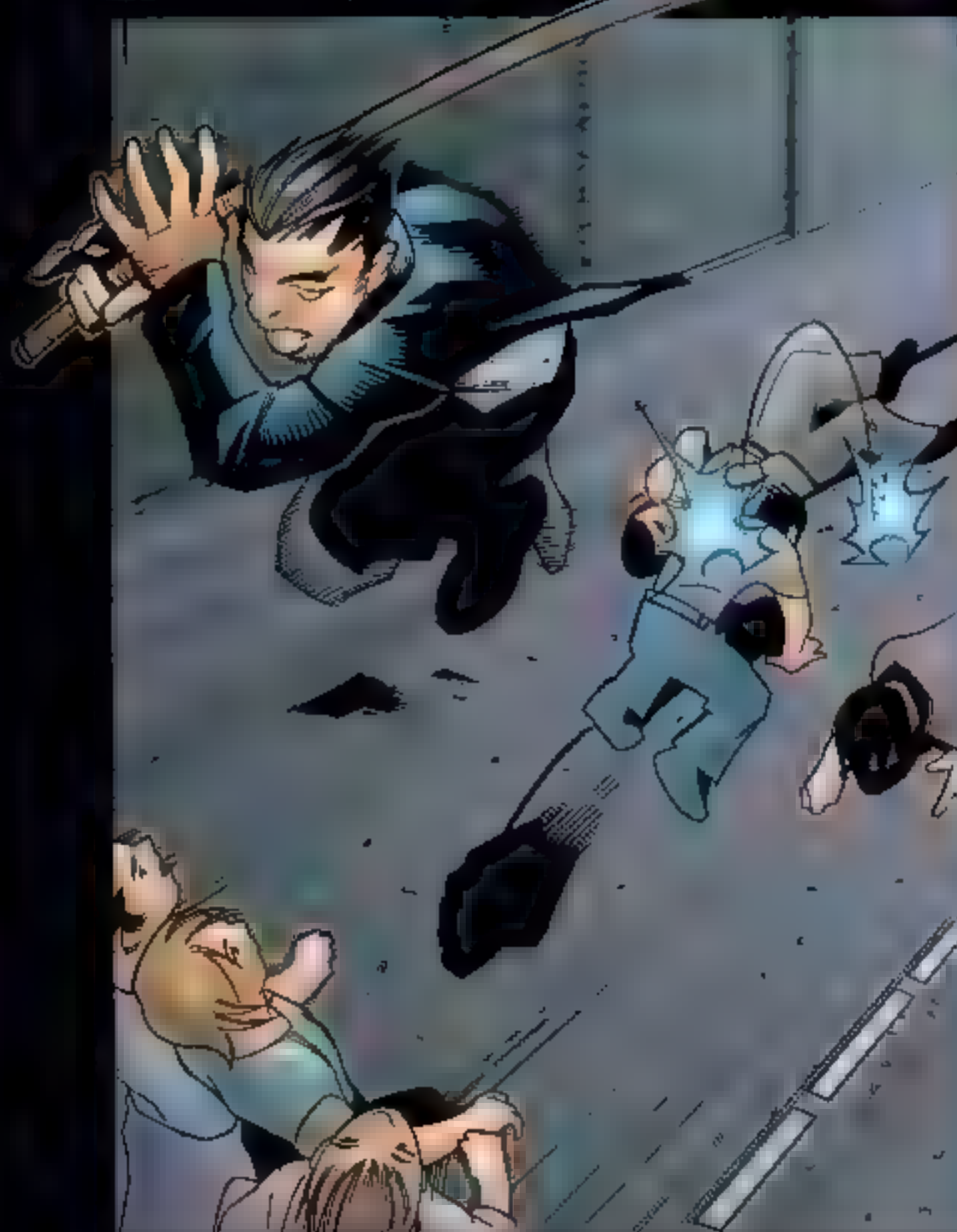
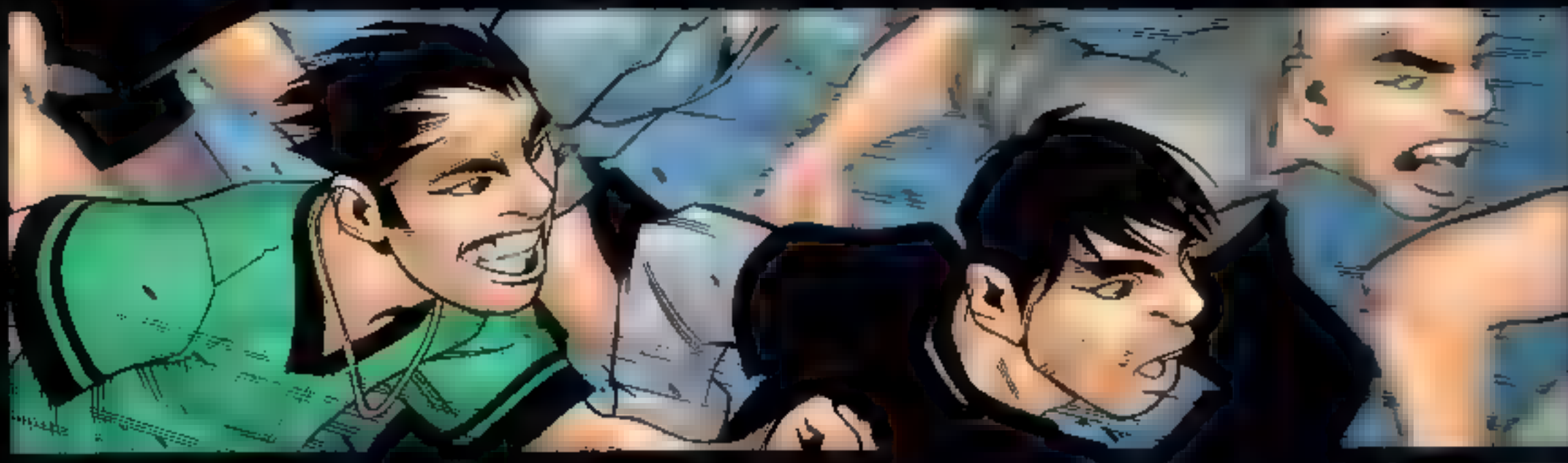
A line of warriors on a hill, rendered in a dark, ink-like style, standing against a light background.

BUT THE KING'S GRIP ON THE LAND WAS LONG AND WIDE...

AND THE PRINCE FOUND HIMSELF SURROUNDED BY
MIGHTY WARRIORS, WHOSE NUMBERS WERE MANY.









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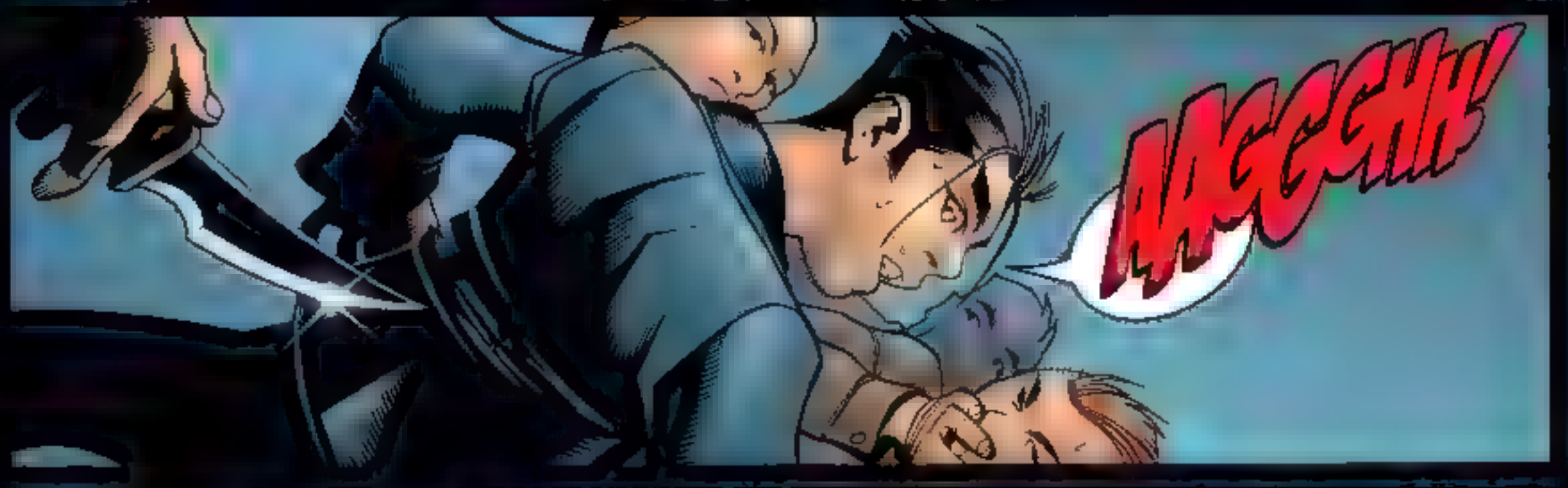
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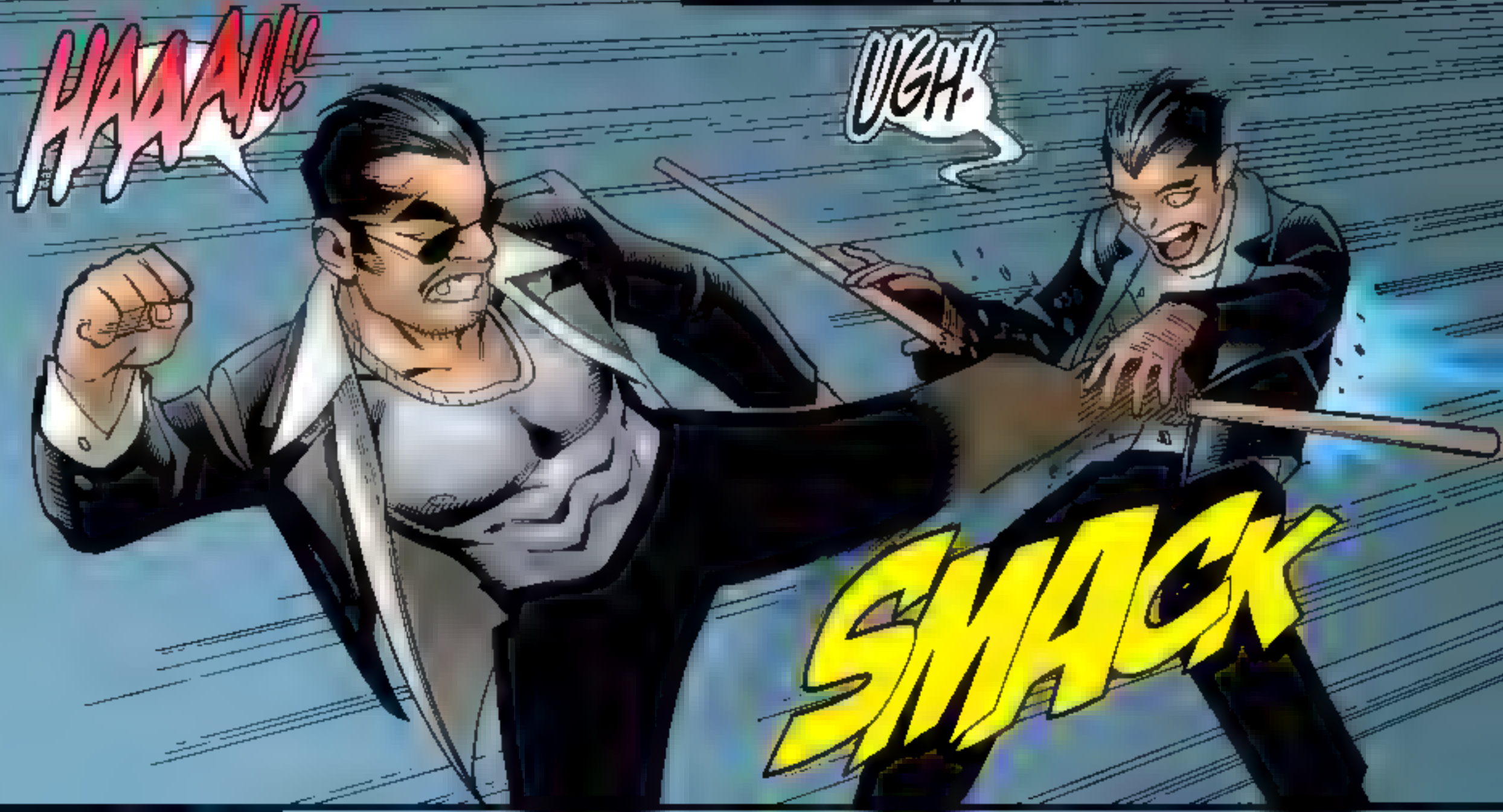
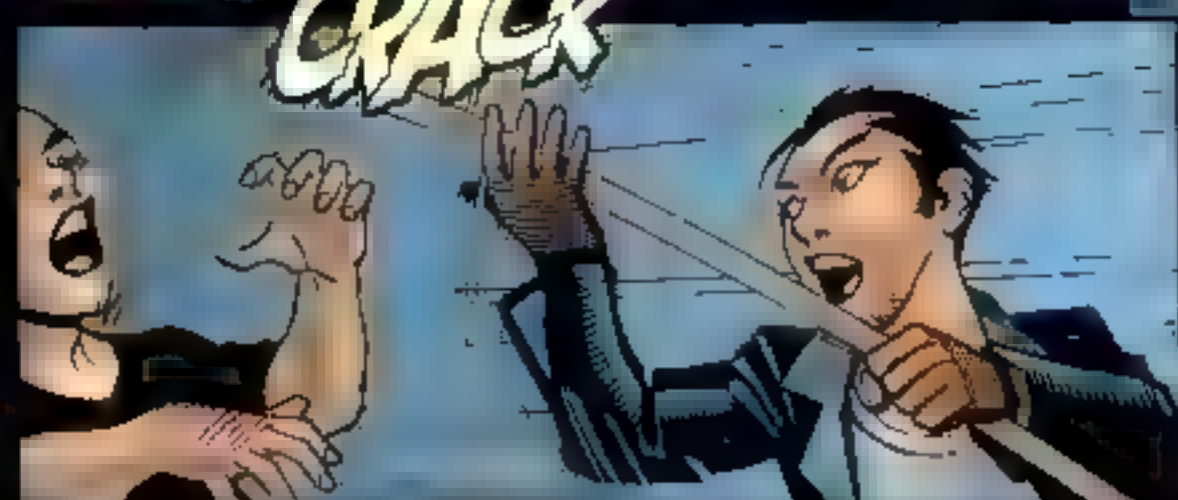


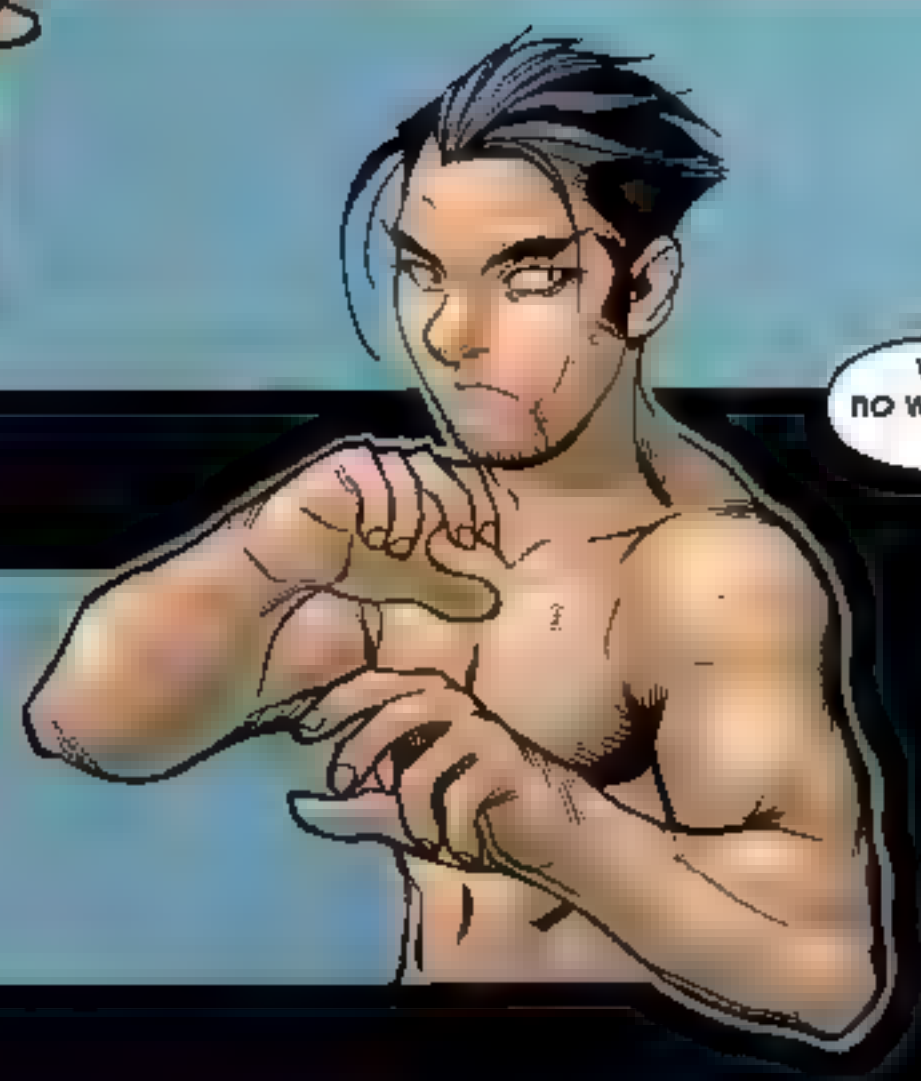
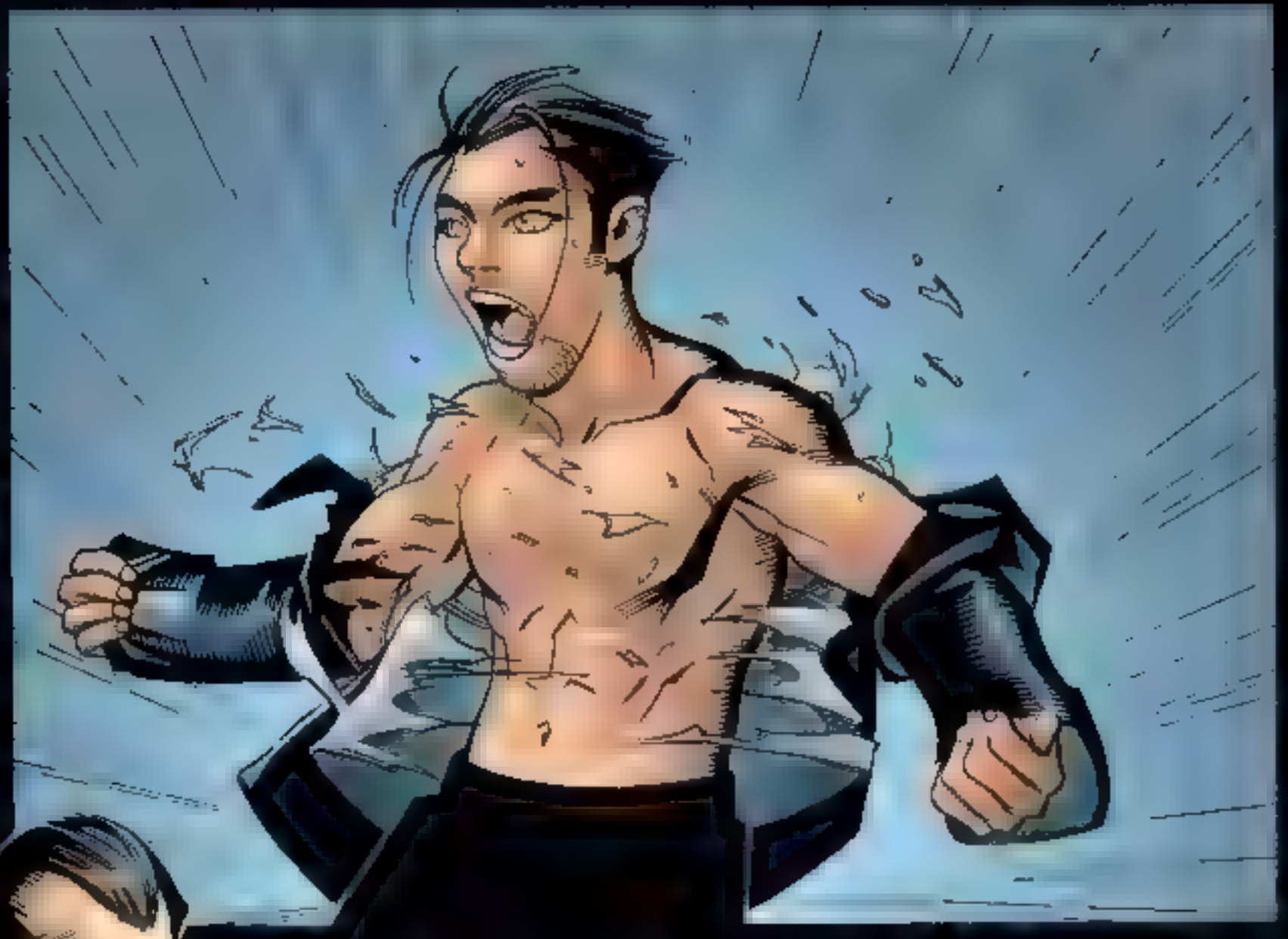
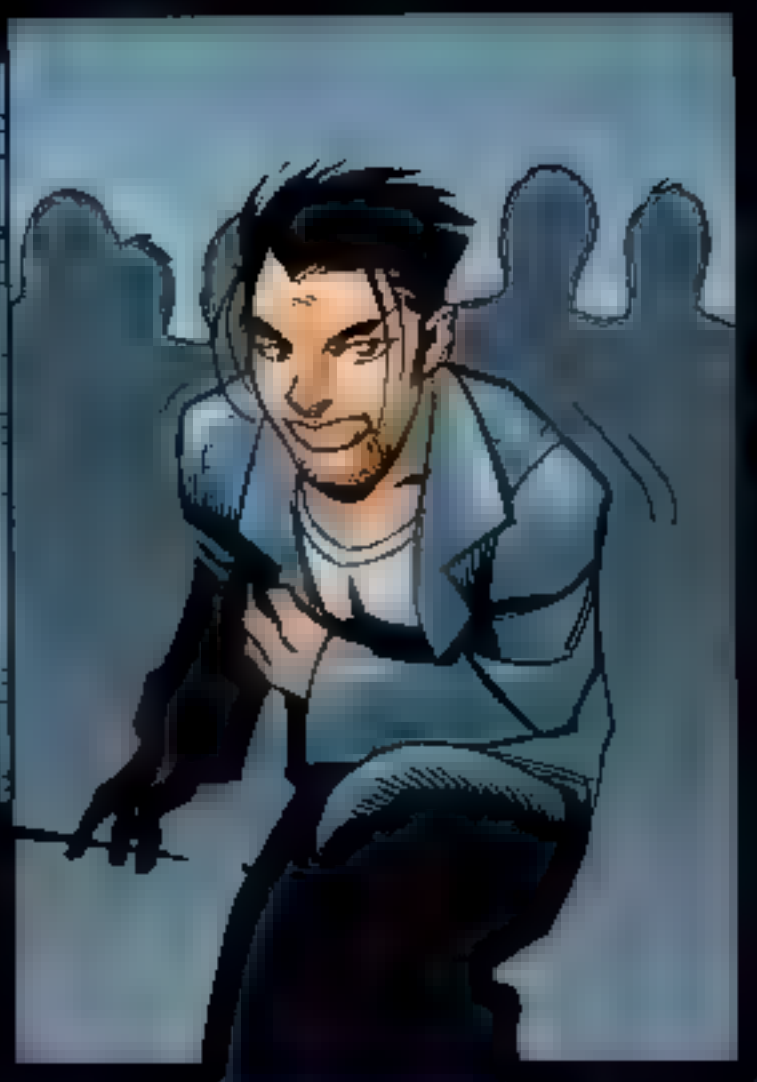
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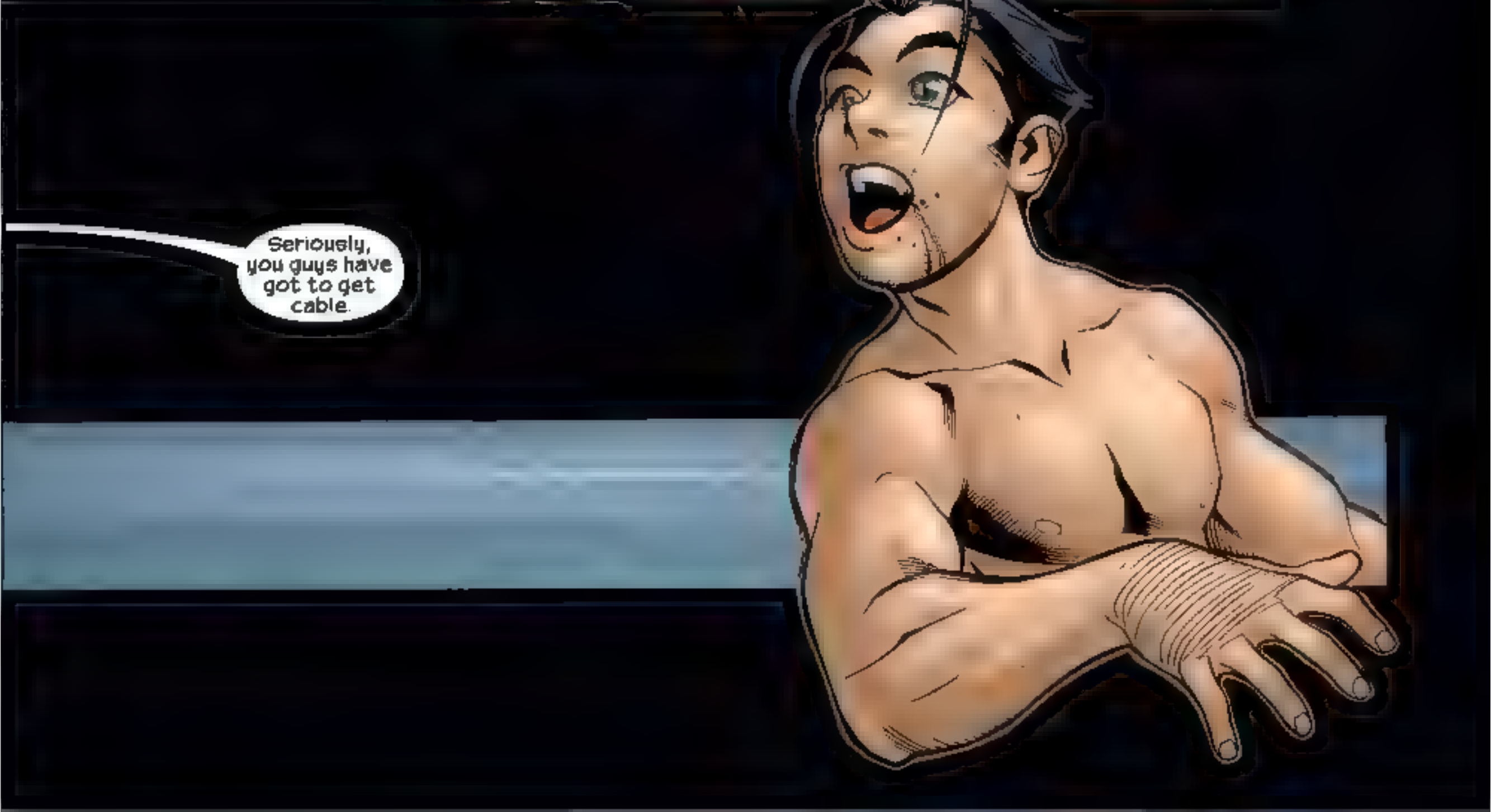
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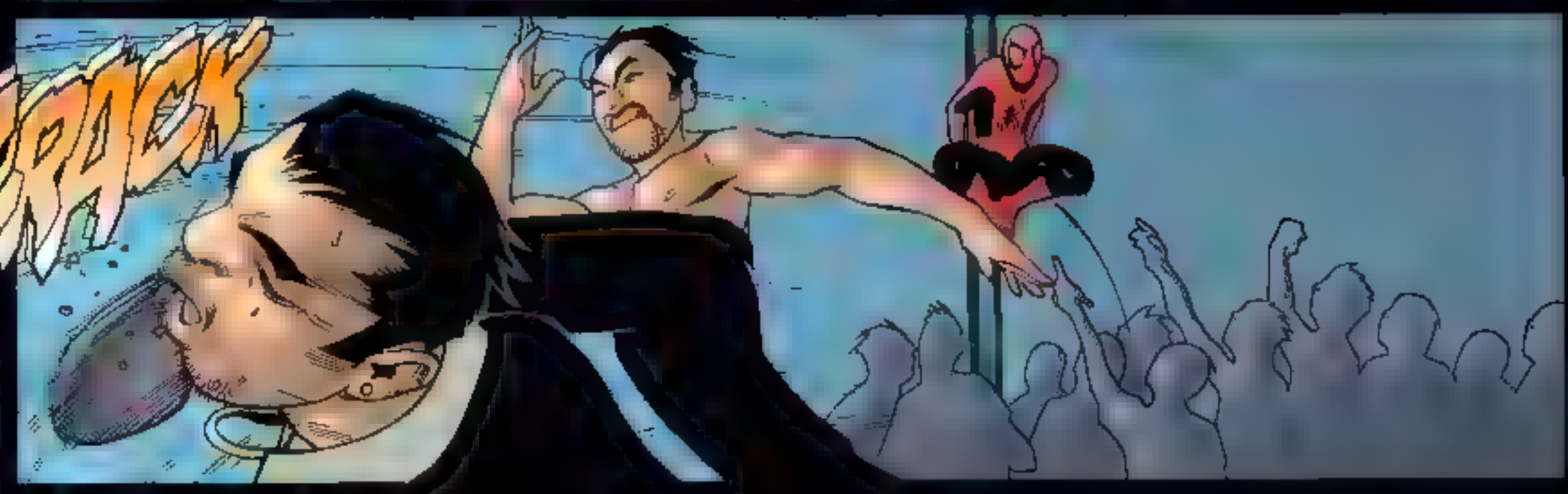
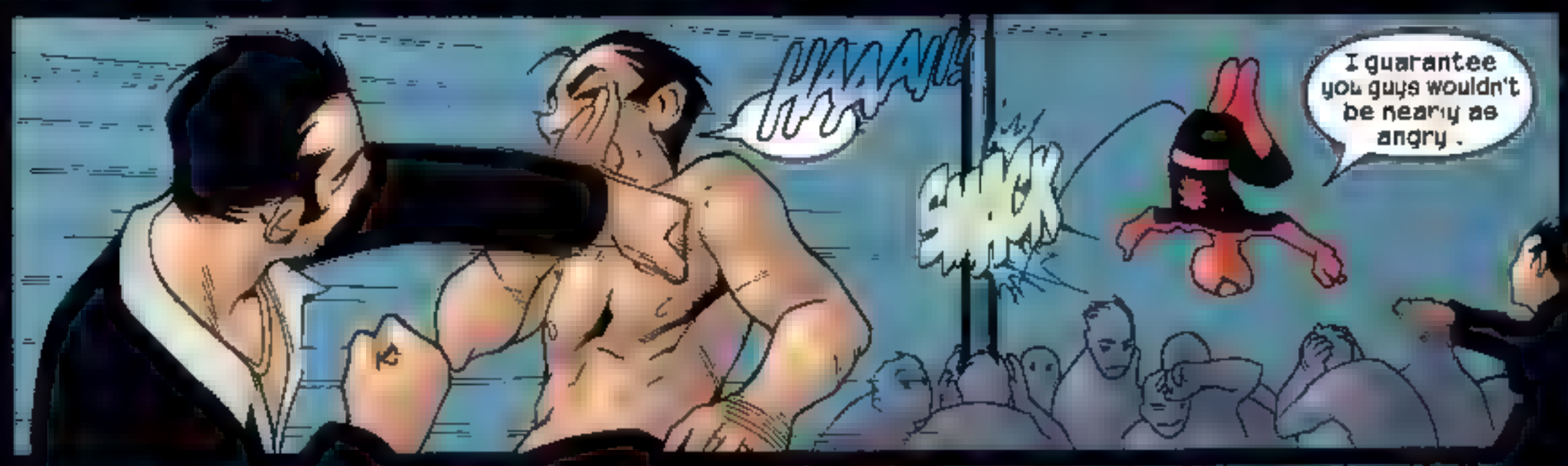
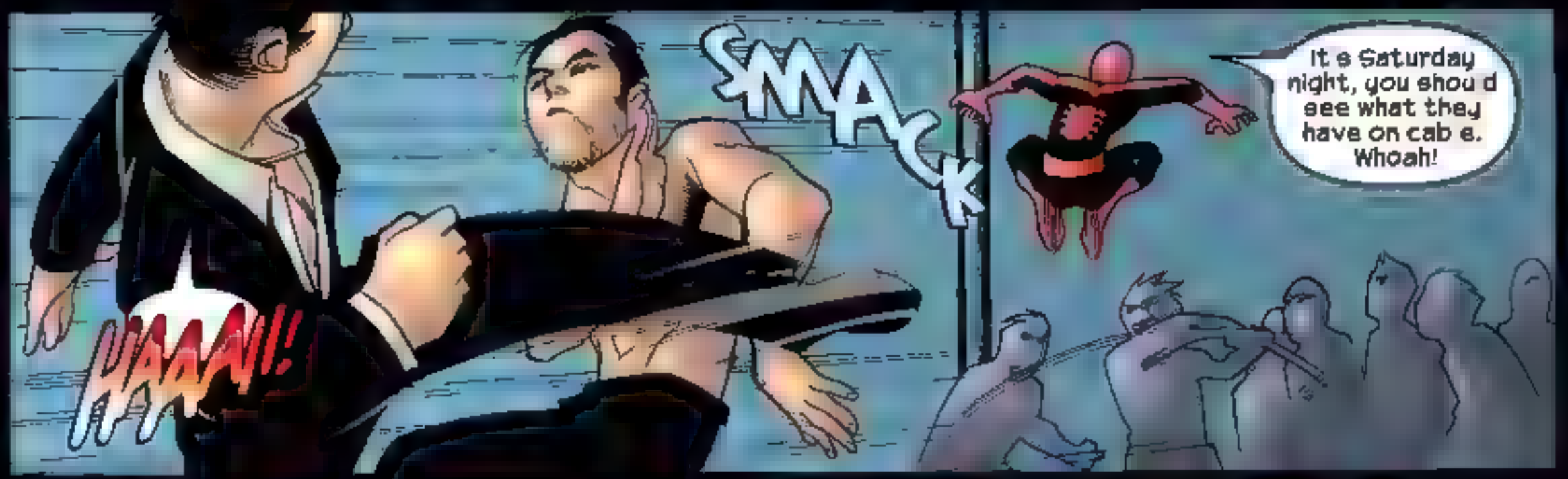






well,
no wonder..
duh!







Okay, kids, time for ehuffy land...

THWIP



Well, it's been fun.

But I'm not that big a fan of the genre.

Who are you?

Just your friendly neighborhood--

(Oh forget it, I'm out of breath.)

You wanna get out of here?



Lighhh-- when I get out of this-- I'm going to personally...



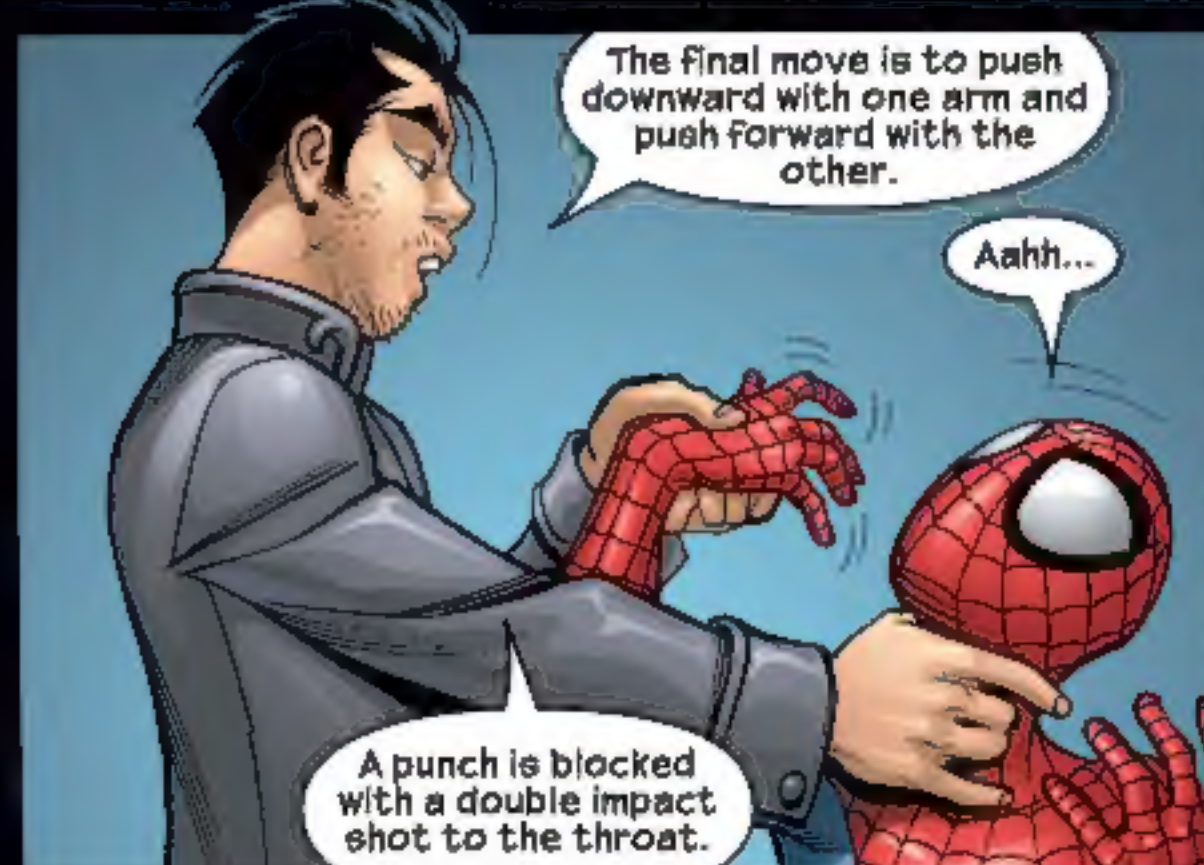
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See you, guys...

But I'm serious about what I said about cable.







THE PRINCE STOPPED THE SPIDER FROM FOLLOWING HIM AND SPOKE: "PLEASE UNDERSTAND, MY JOURNEY IS THAT OF ONE MAN."

"BUT I WANT TO LEARN TO BE MORE LIKE YOU, SIR PRINCE, I WANT TO LEARN YOUR WAYS OF HONOR," SAID THE SPIDER.

"NO, YOU MAY THINK YOU DO, BUT YOU DO NOT."

AND WITH THAT THE PRINCE WALKED AWAY, AND THE SPIDER NEVER SAW HIM AGAIN.

THE END